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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 514  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dana Reed of West View Middle School upon her receipt of the 2000 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award for grades 5-8.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary professionals who have dedicated their careers to making education a relevant and productive experience for Tennessee's youth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dana Reed, Special Education and Extended Resource Teacher at West View Middle School, is most assuredly one such superlative educator who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed was recently honored by her receipt of the prestigious Teacher of the Year Award for Grades 5-8; and

WHEREAS, she has been deservedly honored for a job well done via her work with special needs children and her meritorious service with Special Olympics, especially in the area of gymnastics; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed is a gifted instructor who teaches with great enthusiasm; she deeply cares about her students' education, both in the classroom and in life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed truly personifies the spirit of the Teacher of the Year Award as she inspires her students to imagine a better future and work toward creating a better world by encouraging excellence in her students and peers; and

WHEREAS, the caring and attentive parents of her students have long recognized and appreciated Mrs. Reed's excellence as an educator and role model for young people, as she has been a special education/extended resource teacher for 24 years, 20 of which have been spent at West View Middle School; and

WHEREAS, she first began to develop her proficiency as a teacher and communicator during her four years of teaching at Norwood Elementary; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her meritorious service as a special needs instructor, she has the following achievements to her credit: she made a Prize-Winning Quilt for the American Quilt Showcase at Dollywood, her classes on Original Poetry were featured in an Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans, in 1993 and 1996, she coached Winners in the Tennessee Athletes for Art Contest in 1992 and 1996, she was the Winner of Newman's Own/Good Housekeeping Recipe Contest in 1992, she was the Winner of Advisor's Contest in 1993 and 1998, earning over \$37,000 for charity, and she had the Winning Recipe published in the UT cookbook: *A Slice of Orange*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed's activity in her community and her devout faith in God has been evidenced through her membership at Manley Baptist Church for the past 21 years; and

WHEREAS, she has been a pioneer among teachers of children with developmental disabilities, winning ARC Teacher of the Year in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Dana Reed is especially grateful for the love and support that she shared with her late husband, Robert C. Reed; her family life continues through her loving son, Ryan Helfenberger and

WHEREAS, Dana Reed should be saluted for her stalwart dedication to her students and to her community, and for the positive impact that she makes on her students' lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Dana Reed upon her receipt of the 2000 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award for Grades 5-8. We commend her superlative career as an educator and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.